

New York, 25 April, 1857.

Dear Garrison,

" I am sorry to say that Dr. Cheever has just informed me that he cannot speak for us. He gave no reason except the want of time to prepare. He may have been influenced partly by other considerations, but I hope not. I know that his engagements are exceedingly pressing, and, considering the care with which he always prepares himself, I do not wonder that he shrunk from the burden.

I have not heard from Mr. Furness, but McKim says he has talked with him, & advises me to

assume that he will come & put  
him in the programme accordingly.  
He also ~~says~~ suggests that we ask  
Miss Watters to speak. I enclose  
you what he says of her. Shall  
I ask her? Perhaps it might be  
well to let her speak before  
the City Society.

Frothingham, Purvis, & Rev.  
Mr. Doane are engaged. Unless  
I get instructions from Boston  
to the contrary, I shall assume  
that the speakers at the first meet-  
ing will be those & those only  
who are set down in the official  
call, and then, taking Mr. May's  
latest suggestions for a guide, I  
will proceed to make out the

programme for the other sessions  
and publish it in the next Standard.  
Please let me hear from you  
or Mr. May, if there are any  
further suggestions to be made.

How about singing? If you  
think it best to try to sing, I wish  
you would select a few hymns,  
as you will know better than  
I do about tunes, metres, &c.  
You might print a sheet  
of hymns in Boston, or send  
the copy to me, as you  
please.

I wish you would put  
into the next Liberator the little  
paragraph appended in the Stan-

and to the call for our Yearly  
Meeting, a which I enclose.

If I do not hear from you  
to the contrary, I shall write to  
Thomas Garrett that you as-  
sent to the proposal to speak  
in Wilmington on Wednesday  
evening, following the Yearly Meeting.

Yours, in haste,

A. Johnson

A. J.  
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